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FROM THE DESK OF CURTIS McHARGUE

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Hello N.C.N.A. Members:

This being my last message as president; I would like to thank everyone for making this another excellent year for the N.C.N.A.

The nomination commitee has come up with an excellent slate of officers for next year. All nominees are well qualified for the position, and I feel that they will do an excellent job for the N.C.N.A.

Mr. Ray McGuire has reported that all the tables will be sold for the annual show at Charlotte this year. Mr. Toney Helton is busy with the publicity and making the final arrangements and getting workers for the show. Mrs. J. W. B. Bason has done an excellent job with the exhibits this year, and I can not thank them enough for their wonderful work for the show.

We can not call Dan Talbert the new editor now, for he is putting the journal out like an old pro. I have talked with several people and they have all praised the journal. Dan has been prompt with each issue. The printers have been neat in the layout and the type, and all we need now is advertisement and news.

In closing I would like to thank each member of the N.C.N.A. for his support. I would like to thank each officer of the N.C.N.A. for the support this year along with their hard work. With people like this, the N.C.N.A. can be one of the strongest state organization in the U.S.

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First, let's take a short look at Charlotte's history. Charlotte was settled by independent–minded Scotch Irish from Pennsylvania. The city was named after Queen Charlotte, the wife of England's King George III, and the county for the German principality of Mecklenburg – Queen Charlotte's childhood home.

During the Revolutionary War, the British General, Lord Cornuallis's troops were harrassed so by the local patriots that the General described Charlotte as a "hornet's nest" of rebellion. This symbol can be found on the North Carolina ten cent fractional currency, and it is still associated with Mecklenburg county.

After the war, in 1799 gold was found near Concord which was a part of Mecklenburg County. Charlotte became the gold mining capital until California gold was discovered. A U.S. mint was established in which five million dollars were coined between 1837 and 1861 when the mint closed. Today, it serves as a museum of cultural arts while it proudly displays three complete collections of Charlotte gold.

The museum is only one of Charlotte's examples of historical landmarks. The James K. Polk birthplace, the Andrew Jackson birthplace, and Belmont Abbey College are a few of the other landmarks.

While Charlotte preserves elements of the past, the city is enhanced by the day to day activities of business and recreation. The downtown area is still active for shoppers and provides a variety of shops from the elegance of Montaldo's to the five and ten cents stores. However, the two new shopping centers, Eastland Mall and Southpark may be preferred by those who enjoy slow-paced, relaxing shopping in enclosed buildings.

If shopping is not your preferred pastime, there are over 30 movie theatres to entertain you. Or you can pick up lunch and picnic in one of Charlotte's clean city parks. Freedom Park offers a relaxing atmosphere where you can release energy and tension while enjoying nature by feeding the ducks. Children may also enjoy a visit to the nature museum.

Charlotte also provides for night entertainment. Please look at our partial listings of lounges, restaurants, and activities at the coliseum. There is something in Charlotte to fit your mood.

We, the citizens of Charlotte, hope your stay in Charlotte is profitable and enjoyable.

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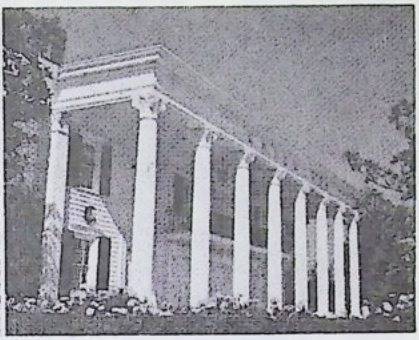

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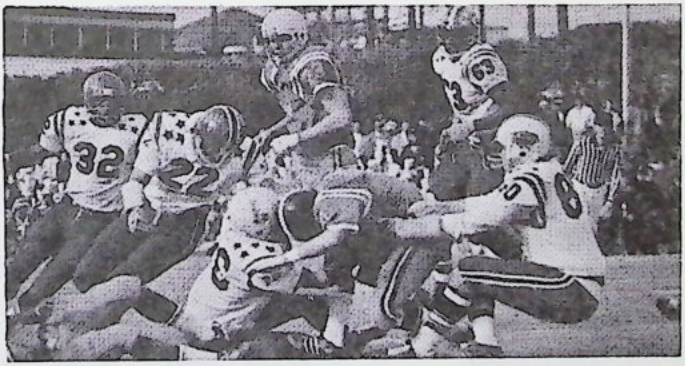

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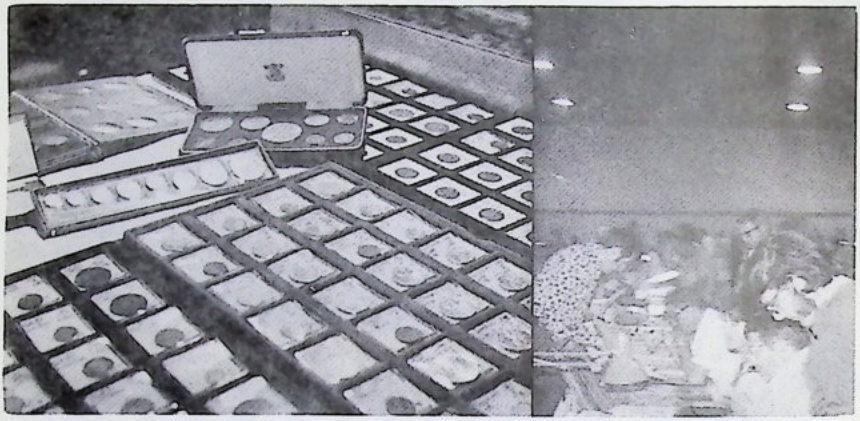

Coins and Collectors come together

in Charlotte

Convention time

Hundreds and Hundreds of Tar Heel Numismatists joining with collectors and dealers from across the United States for three big days of growing together in our wonderful hobby. NCNA is a healthy, progressive organization and our annual convention in the Queen City will reflect this. Several scheduled events are in the "don't miss" category. The NCNA Business meeting at 2:00 p.m., on Saturday, November 1, the Blue Ridge Club Representative meeting Saturday, November 1 at 3:00 p.m., and the NCNA Award Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, November 2.

As important as these structured events are, the greatest enjoyment to be found at any coin convention is the leisurely stroll through the bourse and exhibit areas, renewing old acquaintances and gaining the great knowledge from the Numismatic University of experience. The NCNA will offer a super opportunity to take this stroll. Whatever prompts your visit to the NCNA Convention, it is our sincere wish that you enjoy your stay, receive a cordial welcome, and leave looking forward to the next NCNA CONVENTION.

The 1976 CONVENTION WILL BE HELD IN GREENSBORO, N.C. on October 7, 8, and 9, 1976. James Jackson is Bourse Chairman for this event; follow the Journal for other key announcements concerning the NCNA's Bicentenial Coin Convention.

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16
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17
HEREFORD BARN – 4320 Interstate 85 at Derita Rd. serving prime rib and choice USDA steaks.

18
THE DRAW BRIDGE – 1821 Montford Dr. A complete menu with an English touch.

19
SLUG'S RIB – 3911 E. Independence Blvd. Serving only prime rib – Jackets required.

20
SLUG'S TOWER SUITE – 29th Floor Jefferson First Union Bld. Serving continental and American dinners– Jackets required.

21
THE CALABASH COVE – And Oyster Bar – 3808 Driftwood Dr. Just off Central Ave. – Oysters and Clams on the half shell – Broiled flounder along with a variety of sea foods.

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24 **PINEVILLE DINNER THEATRE –**

Highway 51 Pineville, N.C. The musical Hello Dolly playing throughout the weekend. Dinner served from 6:30 till 8:00. Play starts 8:20 – Reservations suggested.

25 **MINT HILL DINNER THEATRE –**

Lanyerso road in Mint Hill – With the comedy Champagne Complix. Dinner at 7:00 Play starts at 8:30. Reservations suggested.

HAPPENINGS THIS WEEK END

31 **CHARLOTTE COLISEUM** – October 31 – The Southern Hockey Leagues' Checkers have a scheduled game starting at 8:00.

November 1 – Concert by the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band starting at 8:00.

November 2 – Concert by Paul Anka – starting at 8:00. Advanced tickets for these events are suggested and may be obtained from the coliseum box office. Charlotte, N.C. 28205.

32 **CHARLOTTE MEMORIAL STADIUM** – Charlotte Hornets meet Shreveport on November 2 at 2:30. For advance tickets contact Charlotte Hornets, 3625 N.C.N.B. Plaza, Charlotte, N.C. 28205.

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2

BELMONT ABBEY –

10 miles East of Gastonia. Of special interest to historians and architectural buffs, since it is the only Abbey cathedral located in the U.S. Open weekdays – Admission free.

3

CAPTAIN JAMES JACK MONUMENT –

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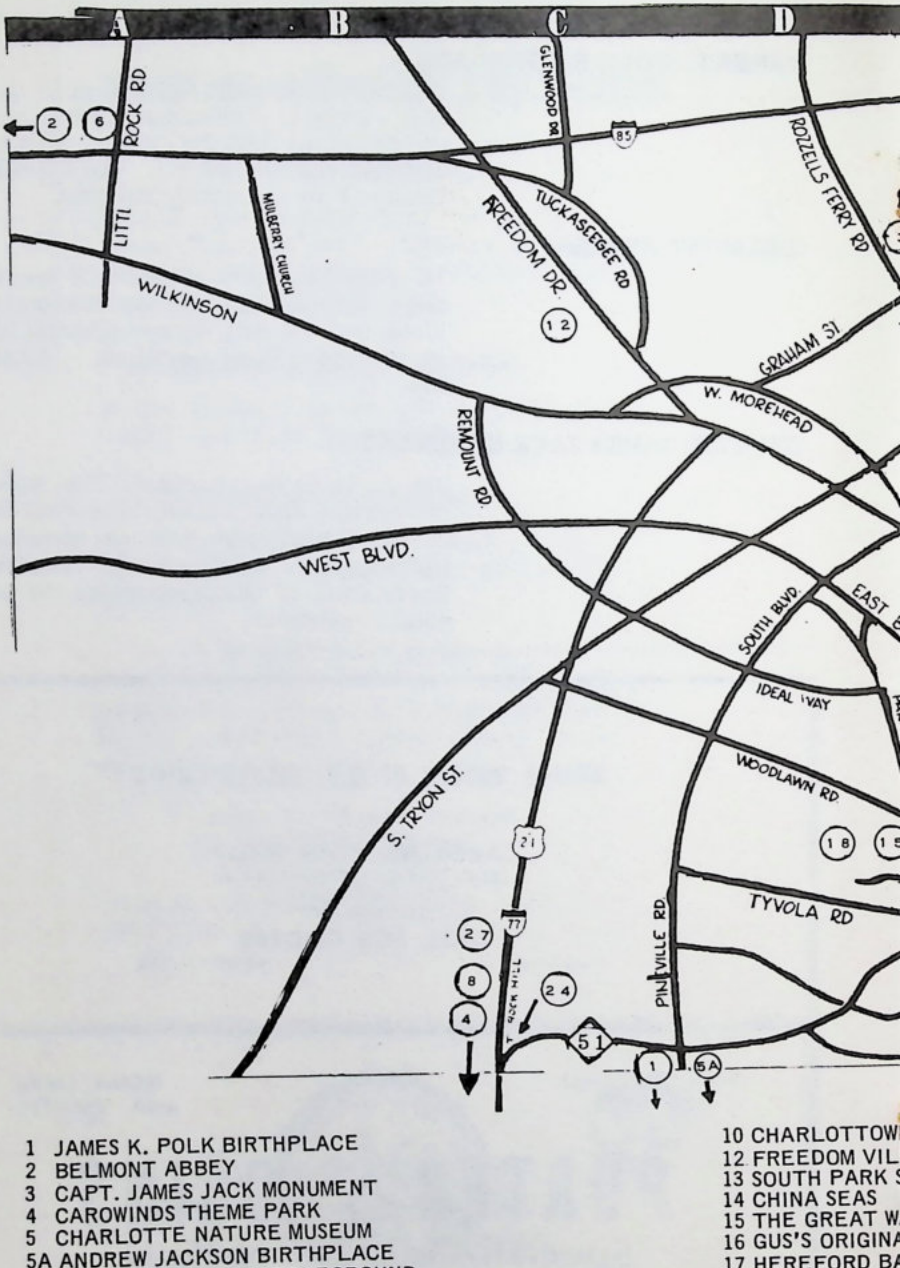

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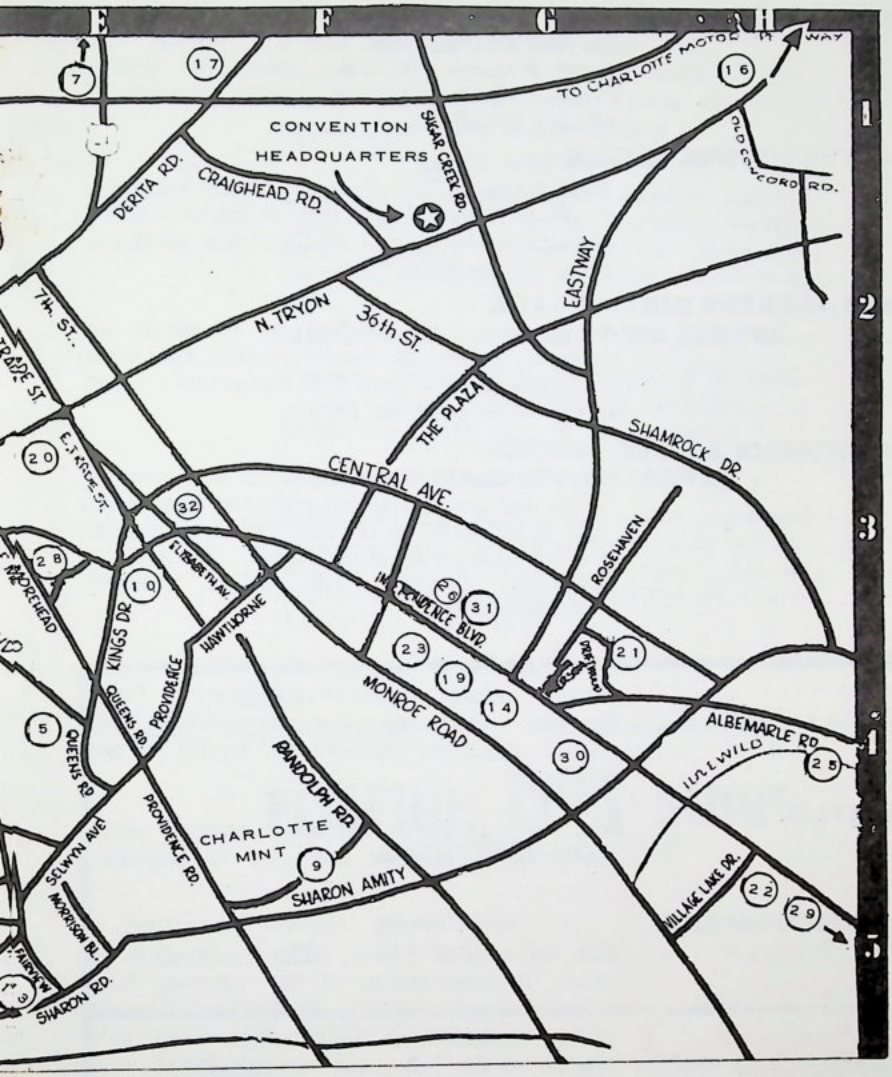

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5

CHARLOTTE NATURE MUSEUM–

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5A

ANDREW JACKSON BIRTH PLACE

In Waxhaw – South East of Charlotte an outdoor monument commemorates the birth and home site of this U.S. President. Open daily – Admission free.

6

KINGS MOUNTAIN BATTLE GROUND–

20 miles west of Gastonia. It was here in 1780 that the Battle between the Carolinian and British forces became the turning point in the American Revolution. Includes a National Military Park and a museum. Admission free.

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LAKE NORMAN

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8

LAKE WYLIE

Just north of Rock Hill S.C. Another manmade lake, smaller but just as popular.

9

MINT MUSEUM OF ART–

501 Hempstead Place. The building is an exact reconstruction of the original mint which burned in 1844. Of Federal Classic style, designed by William Strickland, this branch of the U.S. mint ceased operation in 1861. Finally its doors opened as a museum for art and history exhibits in 1936. Open weekdays 10 to 5. Weekends 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admissiom free.

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

There are over 100 parks and playgrounds in the Charlotte metro area. These include Park Road – Park off of Tyuola Rd., Marshall Park, Freedom Park, and The Old Settler's Park in Downtown Charlotte.

SHOPPING

10 **CHARLOTTOWN MALL –**

Independence Blvd. at Kings Road. Major stores include Franklin Simon clothing, Best shops. Ivey's and Eckerd's.

11 **EASTLAND MALL –**

Charlotte's newest and second largest with over 800,000 sq. ft. includes Belks, Ivey's, Pennys, and an array of dining and shopping all surround an indoor ice skating rink.

12 **FREEDOM VILLAGE SHOPPING CENTER –**

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The NCNA Board of Directors met four times during their 1975–74 term of office. Meetings were well attended; of the fourteen board members, no less than ten members met to conduct the business of NCNA. Following are highlights of the new programs, policies and decisions that were approved by the NCNA Board. All programs of the NCNA Board must be to further the hobby of numismatics in North Carolina.

Under the able guidance of Russell Southworth, a committee consisting of Southworth, Tony Holton, Forest Michael rewrote the NCNA Constitution and By-Laws. These were accepted by your board at a meeting in Raleigh, June 1, 1975 and were printed in the July 15, 1975 edition of the NCNA Journal. The main thrust of the new By-Laws allows the NCNA to operate as a state organization with a large membership. The NCNA entered the year in a strong financial position and ends the year again in "the black".

The NCNA Board of Directors purchased twenty Allstate cases for use at the annual convention. This will greatly aid in inviting out of state dealers to the convention.

The 1976 Convention Site was selected. This convention will be held in Greensboro, N.C. on October 7, 8, & 9 at the Royal Villa Inn.

As the results indicate, the Board of Directors has worked long and hard to provide North Carolina Numismatists with a first class state organization.

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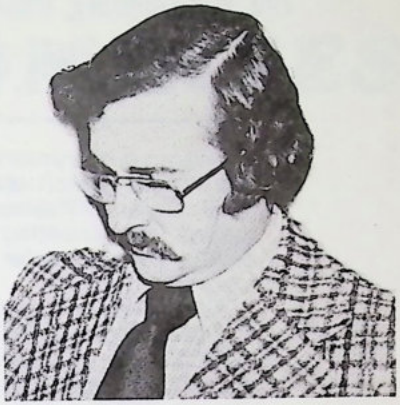

EDITOR

The NCNA year begins and ends with the annual convention. As we conclude this one, heart felt thanks are in order to the many people who willingly contributed to any degree of success your NCNA Journal has experienced. These contributors deserve recognition at least one more time. Steve Ivy Rare Coin Co. for permission to reprint the article on counterfeits, Craig Keplinger for the excellent article on cleaning coins, Tony and Renea Crumbly for the article in this issue that describes the best available dining and entertainment for you during your stay at this grand Charlotte Convention, Lonnie Stewart for photographs, the three wonderful families from the Greensboro Coin Club, (the Braxtons, Basons, and Hupmans) and Rickey Craft for photography, patience and kind criticism, and of course Curtis McHargue for excellent leadership and moral support are all beautiful people and have made the Journal enjoyable for you. In addition two very special groups; first, the advertisers who pay the way for NCNA's only official publication and the board of directors have provided the needed editorial leverage and financial support. Membership of NCNA can be proud of the "Class of '75" because they are sincere and diligent in the goal of providing a first class state organization for you.

This issue is devoted to encouraging you to attend your convention and making the trip pleasant and profitable for you. We hope the several schedules, shopping, dining and entertainment maps are of value to you and your family. (Also, in this issue you will find a summary of actions of your board of directors for 1975) and a list of the candidates that have been nominated to serve you during 1976. Please continue to write with your suggestions, comments, praise and criticism.

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The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence
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Alarmed by rumors of action by the British Parliament which would suppress the colonies, Colonel Thomas Polk, on May 1, 1775, called for a meeting of Mecklenburg County Militia Delegates for May 19 to determine a course of action.

Twenty-seven delegates were meeting in the Mecklenburg County Courthouse on that date when a courier rode into Charlottetown with news of the Battle of Lexington. His electrifying news so united the assembly that at 2:00 a.m. on the morning of May 20, 1775, a unanimous vote approved the Declaration which was then signed by all delegates as representatives of the people.

At noon the Mecklenburg Declaration was read before several thousand people from the steps of the Courthouse.

The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence is one of the nation's most controversial documents. It has never been authenticated — the original was lost — and, if authentic, would have preceded the July 4, 1776 Philadelphia Declaration of Independence by more than a year.

It remains as the cornerstone of the fierce pride of Mecklenburg County in independence and patriotism. If not accepted by the nation, its authenticity is believed in by all those who love Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

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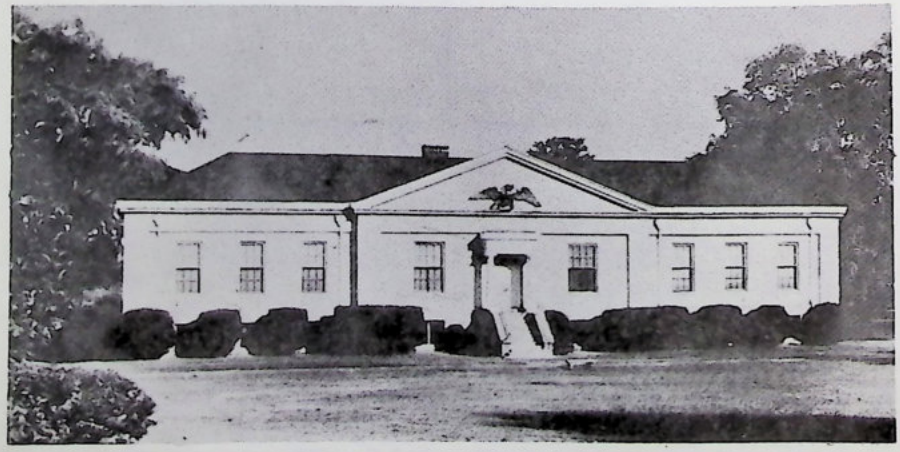
Charlotte Mint Museum

Charlotte became the mining capital of the United States, and prospectors, engineers, technicians accomplished in methods then in use, and laborers skilled in mining operations came here from all over the country and even from foreign countries. For an even half century from Conrad Reed's discovery until the California gold rush of 1849, Mecklenburg was the center of the nation's mining activities.

So large did the mining industry of this community become that it was decided to erect a United States mint in Charlotte, and the cornerstone was laid in 1836. The structure was erected on the site of the present west wing of the Federal Building on West Trade Street, where it stood for a century. In 1936 the building was dismantled and then reassembled, stone by stone, in Eastover as the Mint Museum of Art.

In the first year of operation the Charlotte mint accepted deposits totaling more than $130,000, and coined gold of a total value of about $85,000. On May 20, 1861, it was occupied by Confederate militia, the Charlotte Grays. It was used as a hospital during most of the war. After the war it was reopened as an assay office, and it continued to operate until about 1913. During its service as a federal mint, coinage amounting to more than $5,000,000 was produced. In the two decades before it was razed it was used for various federal purposes, including Army and Navy recuiting, employment and other services of the government.

The Mint, one of Charlotte's handsomest structures, was designed in the Federal style of the Republican period by William Strickland, Philadelphia architect who designed many famous buildings in that city. Its most prominent decoration was the great golden eagle over the door. Of this eagle, Stuart Warren Cramer, assayer at the mint from 1889 to 1893, once wrote that "This eagle was a landmark in Charlotte when I first came here, and a pet of Charlotte people, as well it might be, for it was perhaps the largest eagle in the world, being fourteen feet from tip to tip, and five feet high. When I had to redecorate it , it took over 165 books of gold leaf and ten books of silver leaf to cover it."



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Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1975

12:00 noon – Convention bourse and exhibit areas open to all

9:00 P.M. – Bourse and exhibit areas close to all.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1975

9:00 A.M. – Bourse area open to bourse dealers

10:00 A.M. – Bourse and exhibit areas close to all.

2:00 P.M. – North Carolina Numismatic Association annual general meeting in hospitality room.

3:00 P.M. – BRNA Board of Governors meeting in hospitality room.

4:00 P.M. – BRNA Board of Governors meeting in hospitality room.

9:00 P.M. – Bourse and exhibit areas close to all.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1975

9:00 A.M. – Awards Breakfast for exhibitors, bourse dealers and dignitaries.

10:30 A.M. – NCNA Board of Directors meeting in hospitality room.

11:00 A.M. Bourse area open to bourse dealers

12:00 noon – Bourse and exhibit areas open to all.

6:00 P.M. – Convention Ends.

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